

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

March 5, 2015

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2),
Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5),

Absent: Councilors Dale Dowdle (W3) and Joshua Kretser (W6)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 19, 2015 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending February 25, 2015 in the amount of **\$ 283,348.01** and March 4, 2015 in the amount of **\$ 288,980.58** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of February 19 – March 4, 2015
- Report from the Building Inspector's office March 2, 2015

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending February 27, 2015 in the amount of \$ 1,025,106.47 and March 6, 2015 in the amount of \$ 191,221.03 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Fred Hoeffler SUNY PR Class spoke about their project with the Ted K Youth Center.

Unknown male spoke about pot holes on Veterans Lane and Miller Street to Cumberland Ave hard to turn left. Also, he thinks Ampersand needs light.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2015 General Fund Budget by \$1,463.34 equally in estimated revenue for Police Donations and in appropriations for Police animal care costs in Contract Services and Fees for Services.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. Resolution in Support of Champlain Valley Family Center

Whereas, There are no ambulatory detoxes in the North Country and the closest inpatient detox is located at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, which is a two hour drive and has only seven beds and is nearly impossible to secure one of those beds in a timely basis for clients needing detox services; and

Whereas, Champlain Valley Family Center wants to set up a clinic in the old Office of Children and Family Services buildings on the Schuyler Falls campus; and

Whereas, there are three buildings on the proposed Schuyler Falls site where one of the buildings would house an ambulatory detox and short-term respite/crisis stabilization unit and another would house a satellite Outpatient Chemical Dependency Clinic; and

Whereas, Another building at this location would be utilized for short-term respite for intensive crisis stabilization and will be managed by Behavioral Health Services North which would provide an opportunity for collaboration between the mental health and substance abuse systems; and

Whereas, The development and opening of an ambulatory detox with a respite/crisis stabilization unit will directly impact potentially preventable emergency room visits and will reduce inpatient admissions as the data from a local Community Needs Assessment Summary reflects that emergency utilization for drug abuse related diagnoses ranks 5th out of the top ten primary drivers of preventable ED utilizations in Clinton County; and,

Whereas, there are a high number of chemically dependent individuals in Clinton County that are uninsured and this project, in addition to providing needed services, will work closely with Clinton County Department of Social Services and Medicaid managed care companies to assist this population to enroll in health care coverage and engage with a primary health care provider; and,

Whereas, this project will absolutely strengthen the mental health and substance abuse infrastructure of Clinton County; and

Whereas, currently, ambulatory detox is not in the continuum of services in the North Country and by attaching an ambulatory detox to a respite/crisis stabilization unit in Schuyler Falls has the capacity to serve those in mild and/or moderate withdrawal in a high quality, cost effective manner; and

Whereas, the funding of this project will absolutely reduce the number of Emergency Department visits that are related to mental health and substance abuse, where, in Clinton County, there is an opiate/heroin epidemic that is resulting in a high percentage (5th out of top 10) of ED visits and subsequent hospitalizations and the current estimate of Medicaid recipients in Clinton County with a chemical dependency diagnosis is 1,400 individuals;

Be it therefore Resolved, the City of Plattsburgh fully supports Champlain Valley Family Center's proposal to use the Schuyler Falls site to render services.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Discussion:

Mayor Calnon indicated Police Chief Racicot supports this proposal.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a refund for Zoning Variance Application in the amount of \$150 to Pearl Physical therapy because a variance was not required.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves 2015 Street Drives.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative) (Councilor O'Connell qualified his vote by stating there are usually 2 per month but in September there are 3 because of conflicts with summer events)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves WPCP Headworks Improvements contract HVAC work change directives be decreased by \$14,170.60 for the unused allowance.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves WPCP Contract # 2014-25 "CAPS Electrical Improvements" work change directives be decreased by \$819.63 for the unused allowance.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves WPCP Headworks Improvements Electrical contract work change directives be decreased by \$22,752 for the unused allowance.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves establishing the City of Plattsburgh Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act attached to this agenda and will be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves four Police Officers to attend "New York Tactical Officers Association Annual Tactical Conference" in Verona, NY from April 27 – 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$2,896 and will be expensed from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. This is to replace a travel request previously approved by the Council on February 19, 2015 because it was submitted incorrectly.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bryan Brayton to attend "New York State Local Government IT Directors Association Conference Spring 2015" in Saratoga Springs, NY from May 12 - 15, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$247.20.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Andrew Ancil, Matthew Duquette and William Brown to attend the required "Line Helper Training" in

Fairport, NY from April 13 – 17, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$2,088.50.

By Councilor O’Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O’Connell, Kasper

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Officer to attend “Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement Officers Training” in Rochester, NY from March 14 -17, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$437.60 and will be expensed from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor O’Connell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O’Connell, Kasper

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Officer to attend “DWI/SFST Instructor Class” in Pamona, NY from March 15 -19, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$814.50 and will be expensed from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O’Connell, Kasper

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Armstrong spoke about the Farmers Market and has received emails from local farmers who would like to be included and were turned down. She wants to explore contract/agreement.

Councilor O’Connell spoke about the Veterans Bridge Memorial plans.

Mayor Calnon proclaimed MS Awareness Week in Plattsburgh and read the proclamation below:

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 Million people worldwide, and each hour someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Upstate New York Chapter reports that in our state more than 34,000 people are diagnosed with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Upstate New York Chapter is committed to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than 868 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of more than 350 research projects annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. Because of this MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and New Yorkers should support; and

WHEREAS, The City of Plattsburgh, New York recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society -Upstate New York Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I James E. Calnon, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, do hereby proclaim March 2-8, 2015 as

MS Awareness Week in Plattsburgh

and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all New Yorkers to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, O'Connell, Kasper

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:11pm